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DIARY NOTES

ADD/A (Colonel White)

14 April 1952

1. Attended Deputy Directors' Meeting. Pertinent items of interest to the DD/A are as follows:

- a. [REDACTED] on the National Estimates Board. Apparently he will be coming on duty within the next few days.
- b. Mr. Dulles stated that he was to have another meeting with Mr. Staats, Bureau of the Budget, whereupon General Smith instructed him to try to persuade the Bureau of the Budget that Messrs. Schaub and Macy could continue to do our work and that we hoped that such an arrangement could be made.
- c. Mr. Dulles asked for General Smith's reaction to making Matt Baird Acting Assistant Director (Personnel). General Smith was emphatic that he did not agree to this arrangement as a permanent measure. He asked me for my opinion and I told him that we had carefully considered the situation and thought that Colonel Baird's appointment was the wisest thing we could do at this time and under the circumstances with which we are faced. He agreed that it was all right but re-emphasized that it was on a temporary basis and that he wanted to make sure that Colonel Baird understood this. General Smith instructed me to appoint Colonel Baird "Acting AD/P in addition to his other duties."
- Following my telephone conversation with Mr. Wolf I concluded these arrangements with Colonel Baird [REDACTED]
- d. General Smith expressed considerable dissatisfaction at the fact that a reply to General Ridgeway's letter, which he received prior to his trip, had not yet been prepared.

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- e. There was a cable, which I have not seen, from Admiral Radford having to do with setting up operations on [REDACTED] Admiral Radford approves, suggests [REDACTED]. General Smith asked Mr. Wisner to give him the status on this right away since he wanted to talk to Admiral Fechteler about it.

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2. Conducted DD/A's daily morning staff meeting.

- a. Ed Saunders raised a question concerning the purchase of bulldozers and other engineering equipment for use on [REDACTED] I asked John [REDACTED] to get in touch with [REDACTED] Chief of the [REDACTED] who is presently in Washington, and to arrange for him to confer with Mr. Wolf before any commitments were made along these lines.

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- b. [REDACTED] expressed considerable reservation

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[REDACTED] ference with Mr. Garrison, representatives from OPC, and [REDACTED] tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this problem.

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3. Agreed with Colonel Baird that he should have [REDACTED] car as- signed to him when [REDACTED] leaves and so instructed [REDACTED]

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4. Requested [REDACTED] to arrange for a parking space for [REDACTED] ONE, which would be immediately accessible to [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] was in to discuss his forthcoming trip. In the absence of any letter of instructions I talked to [REDACTED] and agreed to prepare a draft. Arranged for [REDACTED] Comptroller's Office, in the morning regarding his personal financial arrangements.

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6. Colonel Edwards and [REDACTED] briefed me at 3:00 p.m. I will brief Mr. Wolf on this separately.

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7. I talked with Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] about the shipping problem, i.e., whether shipping functions should be transferred from Administrative Service to Procurement and Supply. Told them that this was a controversial subject and that I was not prepared to make a recommendation that it be transferred at this time. I emphasized that I thought even a bad system could be made to work if the personnel concerned put themselves to the task and that I fully expected both of them to insure that our present system did function with maximum efficiency pending final determination as to whether the functions should be transferred. I will discuss my ideas on this with Mr. Wolf separately.

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